

DO YOU TAKE CARE OF YARDS?

1 WHY CONSERVE WATER?

- A. Water is a shared limited resource.
- B. The right amount of water reduces run-off and pollution.
- C. Water costs money. Your customers pay for the water you use to take care of their yard. Conserving water means saving money.

2 LEAKING IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT IS BAD FOR BUSINESS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- A. Find the leaks and repair them.
- B. Show your customers the repair work. Explain to them you are protecting their property from water damage, saving them money and time.

3 LEARN TO READ THE WATER METER. WHY?

- A. The proper amount of water saves both plants and money. Over watering creates weak and unhealthy plants.
- B. Customers spend money on water that could be spent on more landscape services (more money in your pocket).

4 IF THE LAWN HAS YELLOW SPOTS, IT MAY BE DROWNING IN WATER. TRY THESE METHODS INSTEAD:

- A. Aerate the turf by lifting plugs out of the soil. This allows the water to infiltrate quickly to the roots.
- B. Or better yet, remove the turf and replant with flowering low-water use plants.

5 INSTALL A RAIN SHUTOFF DEVICE ON THE IRRIGATION CONTROLLER

- A. The controller will not water plants when it is raining.

To learn more about how you can conserve water and save money call Ali Davidson at (707) 547-1933 or email at ali@scwa.ca.gov.

